GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:597
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2015
Income from Freight Charges
Bohara Shri Ramcharan

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Answer

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 597 BY SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2015 REGARDING INCOME FROM FREIGHT CHARGES.

(a): There are 17 zones and 68 divisions in the Indian Railways. The earnings of Railways is compiled Zonal railway-wise. East Coast Railway has earned ` 11379.40 crore towards freight earnings during 2014-15 which is the maximum among the 17 Zonal Railways. Zone-wise freight earnings for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16(upto Oct.-15) are appended as Appendix-I.

(b): On the Indian Railways, Profit (Surplus)/Loss (Shortfall) are calculated only on Zonal Railway basis and not division-wise. Zone-wise Surplus/ Shortfall generated during last three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15 is appended as Appendix-II.

(c) & (d): There is no division/zone specific scheme introduced as such to maximize profit. However, maximization of revenue generation across all zonal railways and improvement of their Operating Ratio is a thrust area. It is a continuous endeavour of the Railways to increase revenues. Steps taken for maximizing the freight earnings, inter-alia, include rationalization of freight tariff, effective marketing strategies to capture more traffic, creation of additional capacity and optimum utilization of the existing rail infrastructure, improved throughput through increased productivity and efficiency, reduction in wagon turnaround time, etc.

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